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Ms. Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street SW  
Washington, DC 20554

Re: Comment Deadlines Established Regarding the LightSquared Technical Working Group  
Report, IB Docket No. 11-109

Dear Ms. Dortch:

I have recently come to know about a company, LightSquared, that if allowed to start operations could provide solutions for our cellular communications problem in the mountains and rural parts of Kentucky. I represented the people of Eastern Kentucky for several years in the state legislature where I served as House Minority Floor Leader. My wife Judi and I still own and operate a business that has offices in the eastern part of the state and I still own a home in Perry County, Kentucky, in the heart of Kentucky's Appalachian Mountain region.

I am always excited about new projects that will aid the rural parts of Kentucky. If LightSquared is allowed to begin operations, its signal will reach all of the un-served and underserved areas in the mountains.

Rural America has long been underserved by all forms of electronic communications providers, and lagged long behind more urban areas in the development of the first rounds of wireless telecommunications. LightSquared's plan could help rural areas avoid the lag in 4G technology – but only if the FCC approves its plans. LightSquared's integrated satellite-terrestrial network will greatly increase access to wireless broadband for the 26 million Americans who lack it, particularly in rural areas. The company is a long-standing satellite communications provider to the public safety and homeland security community, and the new

network's ability to reach remote areas and provide seamless secure connectivity will be of great benefit to first responders, healthcare workers and emergency response personnel.

As a wholesale provider, LightSquared will allow smaller wireless providers to offer world-class service and also enable many new competitors to enter the wireless market. Competition brings innovation, greater customer choice and lower prices. LightSquared's network also will bring much-needed investment in the U.S. economy, creating 15,000 jobs a year during its buildout.

As a businessman, not an engineer, I understand that there are issues concerning the potential for interference with GPS devices that the FCC must address. However, in my years in business and public service, I have seen technology bloom to the point that we are even discussing the concept of bringing 4G service to parts of America such as the Appalachian mountain region of Eastern Kentucky, many of which do not currently enjoy reliable 3G service. Let's not stop that discussion today. Rural America, and particularly Appalachia, need advanced technological resources such as 4G service in order to create the type of infrastructure that has been long enjoyed in more urban areas. I urge the FCC to continue to allow the development of both GPS service and LightSquared's plan to introduce its integrated satellite-terrestrial network for 4G service

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'W. R. Strong', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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